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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 7058

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ITU, ETEL, PGOV, WB, GW, GE  
SUBJ: ITU: MORE PROBLEMS REGARDING WEST BERLIN

REF: GENEVA 9629 OF 12/3/76

1. FROM INFORMATION OBTAINED BY FRG MISSION, IT APPEARS THAT GDR HAS GONE BACK ON UNDERSTANDING WITH ITU SECRETARIAT THAT IT WOULD NOT OBJECT TO USE OF COUNTRY SYMBOL "D" IN CONNECTION WITH LISTINGS OF BERLIN (WEST).

2. AT SOCIAL OCCASION ON AUGUST 15, SOVIET MISSION OFFICER HANDED FRG COLLEAGUE COPY OF GDR NOTE TO ITU DATED JUNE 24 WHICH OPERATIVE PORTION READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE AS MAY BE SEEN FROM THE "LIST OF INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE LINES", THE "LIST OF INTERNATIONAL TELEGRAPH OFFICES" AND THE "LIST OF INTERNATIONAL RADIO FREQUENCIES", THE COUN-  
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TRY CODE "D" USED IN OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION FOR THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY IS ALSO USED FOR BERLIN (WEST). THIS CODE DISREGARDS THE STIPULATIONS OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT OF 3 SEPT 1971 ACCORDING TO WHICH BERLIN (WEST) IS NO CONSTITUENT PART OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND MAY NOT BE GOVERNED BY

IT. BUT THE OBSERVANCE OF THIS LEGAL SITUATION IS THE BASIS FOR THE EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF BERLIN (WEST) INCLUDING THE COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AS WELL AS FOR THE REPRESENTATION OF THE INTERESTS OF THIS CITY IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC EXPRESSES ITS HOPE THAT THE SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION-IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT-WILL CORRECT ACCORDINGLY THE CODE USED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DOCUMENTS CONCERNING BERLIN (WEST). THIS ALSO APPLIES TO SUCH NOTIFICATIONS CONCERNING BERLIN (WEST) WHICH HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED BY THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND WHICH, IN CONTRAST TO THE USUAL PRACTICE AND THE LEGAL STIPULATIONS OF THE UNION, HAVE BEEN CHANGED BY ADDING AFTERWARDS THE COUNTRY CODE "D" FOR BERLIN (WEST).

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AND THE OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AT GENEVA REQUESTS TO BRING THIS LETTER TO THE NOTICE OF ALL MEMBER STATES OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION AND AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE.

3. SOVIET MISOFF TOLD FRG MISOFF THAT USSR NOTE VIRTUALLY CONFIDENTIAL

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IDENTICAL TO GDR NOTE IS BEING SENT TO ITU. HE ALSO VOICED PROFOUND MISGIVINGS THAT WEST BERLIN QUESTION COULD BECOME MAJOR ISSUE AT 1978 AERONAUTICAL MOBILE WARC AND 1979 WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE.

4. DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL BUTLER, WHO HANDLES BERLIN MATTERS IN ITU SECRETARIAT AND WHO IS PRESENTLY ON LEAVE UNTIL AUG. 29, DID NOT MENTION THIS MATTER TO TELATT PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE. WE ASSUME REASON FOR THIS WAS THAT BUTLER INTENDED TO TRY TO TALK GDR MISSION INTO WITHDRAWING NOTE ON BASIS OF UNDERSTANDING REACHED WITH THAT MISSION PER REFTEL. THIS WILL PROBABLY PROVE IMPOSSIBLE IF SOVIETS SUBMIT SIMILAR LETTER.

5. ANOTHER INTERESTING NOTE ON THIS SUBJECT: ITU SECRETARY GENERAL MILI PAID OFFICIAL VISIT TO GDR JULY 12 (SEE ITU PRESS RELEASE NO 77-22 OF JULY 19). IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SYG'S RETURN TO GENEVA, ONE OF HIS AIDES REQUESTED A COPY OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT FROM THE FRG MISSION, WHICH WAS PROVIDED.SORENSEN

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